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SIMILAR PORTIONS IN ONE-DIMENSIONAL SEQUENCES IN MOLECULES AND/OR
THREE-DIMENSIONAL STRUCTURES OF MOLECULES

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed June 24, 2003, applicants elect Claims 5-11 of Group I, without traverse.

In the Preliminary Amendment included with the filing papers for the subject application, claims 1-4, 12-20, and 22-23 were canceled. Thus, claims 5-11 (Group I) and 21 (Group II) are pending in the subject application, and, in response to the subject Restriction Requirement, claims 5-11 (Group I) are elected to continue prosecution.

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